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Last Night arrived here a son of Mr. *Ross* from Scotland, and brings an account that this Fortnight past, he has been at *Air*, and was a board the *Fisher*; Commanded by Captain *Hamilton* near *Argyle*, and went with some men in a small Boat to *Lochhead* last week, and returned very soon to *Air*. *Argyle* has 26 *Birlings* at Sea, together with the Vessells he brought from *Holland* with him: which he has man'd with about 3000 men; that the Kings Shipping have surrounded him, betwixt *Boat Cowell* and *Island Magery*.

That on Friday last there were many Guns heard, and tis thought they have engaged at Sea: *Charles Campbell*, *Argyle's* Son is in *Kintyre* with 3000 men, *Arbolls* in *Inverera* with 6000 men, the late *Marquels* of *Planty* now *Duke of Gordon*, was to joyn him last week with a thousand men, and the *Mac Lanes* with Four thousand, there are about Five hundred *Whigs* got together in *Galway*, and other *Rebellious* parts thereabouts: headed by two Gentlemen *Capt. Stranger*, and *Capt. Wallace*; against whom, there are Fourteen hundred of the Kings Forces gone, it is thought those in *Scotland*, will not require any of the Army from hence, for they have now men and horse more then they can finde provision for. *Sir John Coghill* went last week to *Strath*, and took thence forty or fifty Bowes of meal, it seems two Troops of the Militia commanded by two Nephews of *Sir John Coghill* being informed that *Argyle's* men were taking away Meal &c. Repaired to the shore

shore, but were soon beaten off with the Guns from a board.

Mr. Rowan saw Sir John Edgworth last Thursday night at *Air*, from whence he parted next day to *Edinburgh*, since the writing of this, I hear there is an Express come from *Scotland* that *Argyle* was surpris'd in his Fort, by Capt. *Hamilton* in the *Fisher*, that most of his men were killed, and taken prisoners, himself escap'd narrowly, disguised in a livery Coat, that *Atbell &c.* are now pursuing his remaining Forces.

Sea Coast June 16th. 1688.

My Lord,

Yesterday looking on *Scotland*, and thinking of the unhappiness, *Argiles* fate had hurried himself into; I received the account I now send you, that intending to the main from *Boat* at the mouth of the River *Clyde*, he struck of into an Arm of the Sea, which ran some few miles into the Country, thinking from those places thereabouts, to raise more men, but, before he could get back he was surrounded with Twelve thousand of the Kings Army, and in his passage out into the Sea, being very narrow, was blockt up by Capt. *Tho: Hamilton*, in the Kings *Fisher* riding about that Coast, (which I myself saw on Sunday last) *Argile* finding himself beset, fortified himself in a strong Castle that is within a small Island, in an Arm of the Sea, where he now is, and his Four Ships were with him, the Channel was too narrow for any of our Ships to enter in, being thus secured the Kings Army sent to the Privy Counsell of *Scotland* to know, if they should immediately proceed to batter down

down the place where he was, which by taking down some Gunns from the Kings Ships, they could easily do from the main Land; his mad son *Charles* is with him, his Forces do not consist of above Three thousand men, many having left him, his Son burnt the Bishops house in *Boot*, and had set Fire to the Castle, which his Father quenched and chid him for his violent Temper.

Tho many preparations are making here for the warring over of our Irish Army thither: yet I do not believe (tho the Fox were not yet in the toile) we should go for I know that those Country men are too proud, to admit of any Aid from abroad; having a great way to send to the post. I conclude,

Your Lordships Faithfull J. B.

Sea coast June the 18th. 1685.

My Lord,

I Immediately after my last to you was dispatcht, I received this following Account, that yesterday morning, Capt. *Tho: Hamilton* that Commanded the Kings *Fish-er*, Attacqued *Argiles* Fortification, and that the Cannon plaid so strongly that his men were force to quit it after having left matches and traines of powder to blow up the Castle, which Capt. *Hamilton* prevented by sending men on shore in the very nick of time, he has taken in the Castle Four hundred Barrells of Powder, and several Peices of Cannon he has besides taken all his Ships, and Capt. *Hamilton* is actually in possession of the Castle, the Marquiss of *Atholl* is now in pursuit of *Argile*, and Capt. *Hamiltons* Letter sayes that he Questions not but his next news will be of *Argiles* utter destruction;

Your Lordships Faithfull, J. B.

